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Respectfully submitted,

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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement dated January 6, 2003,
the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with
the above-identified application.

REMARKS

The claims of the present application have been subjected to a
Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 as follows:

Group I -- claims 1-86 directed to methods of
preparing normalized and/or subtracted cDNAs; and

Group II -- claims 87-88 directed to cDNA
obtainable by the methods of the claims of Group I.

The above-noted Restriction Requirement is respectfully
traversed. It is submitted that the method claims of Group I and

the product claims of Group II are sufficiently related such that search and examination of both of these categories of claims does not present an unreasonable burden on the Patent Examiner. Thus, it is requested that this Restriction Requirement be withdrawn.

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I, i.e. claims 1-86, with traverse.

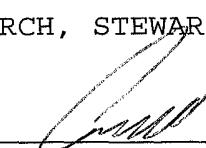
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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